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In Re U.S. Patent Application Of: )  
Kok-Hwee Ng, et al. )  
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Application No. 09/865,196 ) Group Art Unit: 3653  
Confirmation No. 2014 )  
Filed: May 24, 2001 ) Examiner: Shapiro, Jeffery A.  
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING )  
INVENTORY OF BLOOD COMPONENT )  
COLLECTION SOFT GOODS IN A BLOOD )  
COMPONENT COLLECTION FACILITY )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MAIL STOP RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed February 26, 2004. A shortened statutory period of three months has been set for response. Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks set forth below.

This Amendment and Reply is being submitted in a form which complies with revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, all pending claims are identified by number and appropriate status identifier.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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